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In re the Application of

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For: ACTUATOR AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

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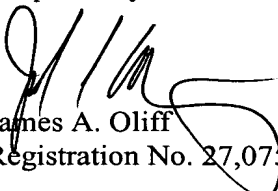
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- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
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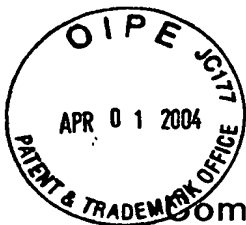
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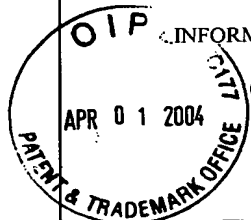
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	1	JP A 2002-289936 (with abstract and translation)	10/04/2002	Japan		
	2	JP A 2002-26411 (with abstract and translation)	01/25/2002	Japan		

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)


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